



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 153**

LCO No. 4350

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:  
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
REFILLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-510 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 (a) No [health insurance policy issued on an individual basis,  
4 whether issued by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society,  
5 hospital service corporation, [a] medical service corporation or [a]  
6 health care center [, which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews,  
7 amends or continues an individual health insurance policy that  
8 provides coverage for prescription drugs may require any person  
9 covered under such policy to obtain prescription drugs from a mail  
10 order pharmacy as a condition of obtaining benefits for such drugs.

11 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such policy  
12 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
13 state on or after July 1, 2005.] Each such insurance company, fraternal  
14 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service  
15 corporation or health care center shall allow an insured to obtain, and

16 shall provide coverage for, a refill of a prescription drug up to two  
 17 business days prior to the date on which such prescription drug is  
 18 otherwise authorized to be refilled.

19 Sec. 2. Section 38a-544 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

21 (a) No [medical benefits contract on a group basis, whether issued  
 22 by an] insurance company, [a] fraternal benefit society, hospital service  
 23 corporation, [a] medical service corporation or [a] health care center [,  
 24 which] that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues  
 25 a group health insurance policy that provides coverage for prescription  
 26 drugs may require any person covered under such contract to obtain  
 27 prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition of  
 28 obtaining benefits for such drugs.

29 (b) [The provisions of this section shall apply to any such medical  
 30 benefits contract delivered, issued for delivery or renewed in this state  
 31 on or after July 1, 1989.] Each such insurance company, fraternal  
 32 benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service  
 33 corporation or health care center shall allow an insured to obtain, and  
 34 shall provide coverage for, a refill of a prescription drug up to two  
 35 business days prior to the date on which such prescription drug is  
 36 otherwise authorized to be refilled.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-510
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-544

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow an insured to obtain a prescription drug refill up to two business days prior to the date on which such prescription drug is otherwise authorized to be refilled.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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